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**AN ORDINANCE
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS**

By

Amending Title 4, Chapter 64 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to the Animals and Fowl: Dogs, Cats, Ferrets and Rabbits.

The City Council of The City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

That Section 64.30 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

64.30. License application and fee. (a) Every person required to obtain a license under this chapter shall make application to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control for a dog or cat license. The license ~~shall expire on January thirty-first of each year, except that any licensed issued on or after February 1, 2011 shall be valid for one~~ (1) year from the date of issuance. As a condition for the issuance of a dog or cat license, the applicant shall certify that the dog or cat has been vaccinated against rabies in conformance with the requirements of this Code.

(b) Minneapolis Animal Care and Control shall provide each dog and cat licensed with a metallic tag upon which shall be stamped or engraved the registration number of the dog or cat. The annual fee for a dog or cat license required by this Code shall be ~~thirty~~ twenty-five dollars ~~(\$30.00)~~ (\$25.00) for a spayed or neutered dog or cat; verification that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered is required. ~~A "sibling" license shall be available for spayed or neutered dogs and cats residing in the same household for an annual fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each dog or cat after the initial fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) is paid for the first dog or cat. A maximum of two (2) "sibling" licenses may be issued per household. The fee for a three-year pet license shall be ninety~~ seventy-five dollars ~~(\$90.00)~~ (\$75.00) for a spayed or neutered dog or cat; verification that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered is required. ~~A "sibling" three-year pet license shall be available for spayed or neutered dogs and cats residing in the same household for a fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) for each dog or cat after the initial fee of ninety dollars (\$90.00) is paid for the first dog or cat. A maximum of two (2) "sibling" licenses shall be issued per household. The annual fee for an unneutered or unspayed dog or cat shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). Individuals sixty-five (65) years of age or older and individuals who receive means-tested public assistance and/or households with limited income shall pay a reduced discount on their annual license fee in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each dog or cat. A lifetime license is available for dogs and cats that are spayed or neutered and are microchipped. Certification by a licensed veterinarian that the animal is spayed or neutered is required~~

for a lifetime license. The microchip number and manufacturer must be provided for the lifetime license to be issued. The fee for a lifetime license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00). There shall be no reimbursement of any license fee, including lifetime, upon the death or removal of the animal from the city and fees shall not be prorated. Animals declared dangerous and potentially dangerous are not eligible for lifetime licenses.

(c) Dogs in training with or trained by a recognized program with an established curriculum for training dogs for service to persons with disabilities, and dogs and cats awaiting adoption in foster homes under a recognized pet adoption program, shall be exempt from the license fees in this section. To qualify for an exemption, such programs shall be approved by the Manager of Minneapolis Animal Care and Control.

(d) Transfer of license. Licenses obtained under this chapter are not transferable from one owner to another owner. Licenses obtained under this chapter are not transferable from one animal to another.

(e) Minneapolis Animal Care and Control may contract with approved veterinary clinics, pet stores, animal day care centers and other businesses as approved by Minneapolis Animal Care and Control to receive dog and cat license applications and to remit the application and fee to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control.

(f) Payment of outstanding fees and fines. No license shall be issued or renewed until all outstanding fees, fines or other financial claims of the city have been remitted to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control.